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REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application is made obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 18-30 AND 32-36 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 18-30 and 32-36 in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Albal, et al. (US Publication 2003/0185375, hereinafter referred to as "Albal") in view of Hogan, et al. (US Patent 5,633,919, hereinafter referred to as "Hogan").

Responsive to the Examiner, Applicants have canceled claims 18-30 and 32-36 without prejudice. Thus, the present rejection is now moot. However, Applicants reserve the rights to file one or more continuation applications to continue prosecution of these canceled claims.

II. ALLOWED CLAIMS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for his comments regarding the allowability of claims 39-59 and 61-70. Applicants have also amended various claims to correct various typographical errors and/or antecedent basis inconsistency.

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**Conclusion**

Thus, the Applicants submit that all of these claims now fully satisfy the requirement of 35 U.S.C. §103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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